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## Immigration Subcommittee Hearing Tuesday on Alien Gang Legislation

**What:** Legislative Hearing on H.R. 2933, the "Alien Gang Removal Act"  
**Who:** Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims – Rep.  
John N. Hostettler (R-Ind.), Chairman  
**When:** 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 28, 2005  
**Where:** 2141 Rayburn Building

*Alien gang members are growing in numbers and viciousness. The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has targeted one of these gangs, MS-13, using our immigration laws, but legal impediments remain.*

### PROBLEMS...

- ✓ Many major U.S. cities have "sanctuary" policies that prohibit law enforcement personnel from asking a suspect about his immigration status. Thus, alien gang members who could be deported or have returned after being deported are free to continue preying upon the public.
- ✓ Many illegal alien gang members are not removable because they have been granted temporary protected status.
- ✓ Gang membership alone is not grounds for deportation for aliens.
- ✓ Witnesses often are so terrified by alien gangs that they refuse to assist police and prosecutors in combating the gangs.

### THIS LEGISLATION WILL...

- ⇒ Give the Attorney General authority to designate groups and associations as "criminal street gangs." Members of designated criminal street gangs would be inadmissible and deportable under H.R. 2933.

**WITNESSES:** The Hon. J. Randy Forbes (R-Va.) and sponsor of H.R. 2933; Mr. Kris W. Kobach, Professor of Law, University of Missouri Kansas City; Mr. Michael M. Hethmon, Staff Attorney, Federation for American Immigration Reform; and Mr. David Cole, Professor, Georgetown University Law School.

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